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| In re Application of<br>Shoichi YAMAGUCHI               | ) | Confirmation No.: 8575                  |
| U.S. Application No.: 10/535,144                        | ) | Group Art Unit: <i>Not yet assigned</i> |
| International Application No. :<br>PCT/JP04/09025       | ) | Examiner: <i>Not yet assigned</i>       |
| International Application Filing Date:<br>June 25, 2004 | ) |   |
| Priority Date: June 27, 2003                            | ) | Atty Docket No.: 120736.00105           |
| For: STORAGE APPARATUS                                  | ) |   |

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE**  
**(DO/EO/US)**

Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
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Date: February 24, 2006

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated Office (DO/EO/US) (copy attached) mailed December 30, 2005. The Notice indicates that an executed Oath or Declaration of the inventor is required. Therefore, we attach herewith the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney along with the required surcharge fee of \$130.00.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (120736-00105). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition

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does not accompany this Response, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely.

Respectfully submitted,

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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 05/18/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 05/18/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 05/18/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 05/18/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 05/18/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 05/18/2005
- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 05/18/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/18/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 05/18/2005

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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

## SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

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| Action Due | Due Date                |
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Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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